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TOPIC Volkspolizei Dienststelle 2735 in Meiningen-Suhl

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to August 1951, Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) 2735, which had the same organization as the other VPDs, was located in the barracks installation on Knochenhauerstrasse in Meiningen, which quartered 1,200 to 1,300 men and in the Gendarmerie Kaserne, with about 700 men, and the former Fliebertechnische Vorschule in Suhl. The arrival of only a few recruits was observed. Among officers, it was rumored that the entire unit was scheduled to be transferred to Eisenach or Weimar. About 60 young officers of the unit attended an instruction course for tactics in the Gendarmerie Kaserne in Suhl at the time of observation. A driver was to be conducted upon completion of that course.
2. During the tactical instruction, it was learned that the rifleman Gruppe was to be enlarged from 1 MCO and 9 police to 1 MCO and 19 police and the present 4th (heavy machine gun) Abteilung would be dissolved. The new rifleman Gruppe was to comprise 1 light machine gun, 1 heavy machine gun, 3 sub-machine gunners and the rest riflemen. According to the new organization, an infantry Kommando was to consist of 4 rifle Abteilungen and 1 mortar Abteilung.
3. Heavy weapons of the unit included 1x 88-mm AA gun, 1 Soviet 122-mm field howitzer, 1 Soviet 76.2-mm AT gun, 1 x 75-mm SP gun, 1 T-34 tank and 1 four-wheel armored reconnaissance car mounting a heavy machine gun. No firing with the heavy weapons had been practiced to date.
4. Officers of the VPD included:

Rank and Name

Appointment

VP Chefinspekteur Berthold (fnu)

Commanding officer.

VP Kommandeur Rudolf Raubach

PK officer, who was previously PDJ chairman in Kreis Oschatz.

VP Kommandeur Bisewski (fnu)

Allegedly proposed as successor to the commanding officer. He attended an instruction course in the U.S.S.R.

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<u>Rank and Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
VP Kommandeur Wochner (fnu)	Director of training, who attended an instruction course in the U.S.S.R.
VP Oberrat Scheffler (fnu)	Director of training.
VP Oberrat Lindner (fnu)	Chief of staff, allegedly an ex-officer.
VP Kommandeur Balthasar (fnu)	Instructor of artillery training, who formerly served with the V in Zittau, an ex-artillery colonel and bearer of the German Oak Leaf Cluster, member of the National Committee Free Germany.
VP Oberkommissar Krofft (fnu)	Administrative officer.
VP Oberkommissar Guentzel (fnu)	Administrative officer.
VP Rat Reinhardt (fnu)	Liaison officer to the SSD.
VP Oberkommissar Grimm (fnu)	Liaison officer to the SSD.
VP Rat Kuentz (fnu)	Commanding officer of 1st Kommando, an ex-officer and bearer of the German Knight's Cross.
VP Rat Lehnhardt (fnu)	Commanding officer of 2d Kommando, who was to attend an instruction course in the U.S.S.R.
VP Rat Meisler (fnu)	Commanding officer of 3d Kommando.
VP Oberrat Waterstraat (fnu)	Commanding officer of 4th Kommando and senior officer of the Flieger Kaserne in Suhl.
VP Oberkommissar Oppler (fnu)	PK officer of 4th Kommando.
VP Rat Dombrowski (fnu)	Chief of staff of 4th Kommando.
VP Rat Dietmar (fnu)	Director of training of 4th Kommando.
VP Oberkommissar von Deckert (fnu)	Commanding officer of 4th Sonderabteilung.

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